

Zauzou language

Zauzou (Rouruo 柔若, Jaojo, Raorou; autoynm: *zau ɭzou ɬ*) is a Loloish language of Tu'e District 兔峨地区, Lanping County, Yunnan, China. It is most closely related to Nusu.

Distribution

In Tu'e District, Rouruo is spoken in Tu'e 兔峨,^[4] Bijifeng 碧鸡风,^[5] Wupijiang 吾批江,^[6] Guoli 果力,^[7] Xiaocun 小村, Jiangmo 江末,^[8] and a few other locations (*Rouruoyu Yanjiu*). The two major dialects are Guoli 果力 and Jiangmo 江末 (Sun Hongkai 2002). Sun (2002) provides extensive vocabulary word lists for the Guoli 果力 and Jiangmo 江末 dialects.

Innovations

Lama (2012) observes a sound change of *r- > Ø from Proto-Loloish as a Nusoish innovation.

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Zauzou	
Rouruo	
Native to	China
Region	Yunnan
Ethnicity	Nu
Native speakers	2,100 (2007) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Sino-Tibetan<ul style="list-style-type: none">(Tibeto-Burman)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lolo–Burmese<ul style="list-style-type: none">Loloish<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nusoish^[2]<ul style="list-style-type: none">Zauzou</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	zal
Glottolog	zauz1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/zauz1238) ^[3]

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